

57th AIR SERVICE GROUP

The 16th Tow Target Squadron operated B-25s out of Kahuku from April 11 to November 1945, when all aircraft were turned into Wheeler AAF for disposal. The squadron's primary mission at Kahuku was to furnish planes and crews for escort missions to escort fighter aircraft being ferried to forward areas; during October 1945, squadron aircraft towed aerial targets for the P-47s of the 508th Fighter Group. Personnel moved to Wheeler AAF on December 20, 1945, for deactivation.

The following were among the service units assigned to Kahuku AAB:

Air Service Groups: 13th, 57th, 386th, 489th

Airdrome Squadrons: 63rd, 87th, 88th

Military Police Company: 1383rd (Aviation)

Quartermaster Companies: 3rd Provisional Truck, 4th

Provisional Truck, 1262nd, 1916th Truck, 2272nd

Truck, 2273rd Truck

LINEAGE

STATIONS

Kahuku AAF, Territory of Hawaii

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

57th Air Service Group (New Type) (See CBI Unit Histories)

Activated about 1 Aug 41 as the 57th Air Base Gp at Cochran Field, Macon, GA, with the 77th Air Base Sq and the 91st Materiel Sq assigned. It was assigned to the Southeast Air Corps Training Ctr at Cochran Fld, GA and moved in Nov 41 to Shaw Fld, SC (mission was to support flying units on the base). On 10 June 42 it was redesignated the 57th Service Gp (AG 320.2, 10 Jun 42) and lost the Air Base Sq -- the Materiel Sq became a Service Sq but eventually left the group as well -- and was reassigned to Air Service Cmd (it shortly assumed the mission of training other Service Groups for overseas duty at Venice AAF, FL (?) and Lakeland AAF, FL under Warner Robins Air Service Command).

In 1944, it was converted into a new model Service Gp (redesignated 57th Service Gp(Special)) and gained two new squadrons, the 613th Air Service Sq and 614th Air Service Sq. The 613th became an Air Engineering Sq and the 614th was replaced by the 619th Air Materiel Sq. It was shipped overseas and assigned to 7th Air Force at Kahuku AAB, HI on 4 February 1944. It was assigned by 7th Air Force to VII Bomber Cmd and moved to APO 247, then on to Guam, Ie Shima (22 Sep 44), and Yontan AB, Okinawa 2 Jul 45, and was reassigned to the 301st Fighter Wg (during this time its mission was to provide support for a combat group). It was at Yontan until at least 1946.

It was disbanded on 8 Oct 48 and possibly reconstituted in 1988 as the 857th Combat Support Group at Minot AFB, ND from 1988 to 1991.

Hq and Base Services Sq

385th Aviation Sq

613th Service Sq / Air Engineering Sq (disbanded 8 Oct 48)

614th Service Sq

619th Air Materiel Sq (disbanded 8 Oct 48)